

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

TRAVEL CADDY, INC. d/b/a TRAVELON, an Illinois corporation,

Plaintiff,

V.

BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation, and BELKIN, INC., a Delaware corporation,

## Defendants.

) Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-\_\_\_\_\_  
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) The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
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) Magistrate Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
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) **COMPLAINT**  
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) **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**  
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Plaintiff Travel Caddy, Inc. d/b/a Travelon (“Travelon”) complains against Defendants Belkin International, Inc. and Belkin, Inc. as follows:

## THE PARTIES

1. Travelon is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois with its principal place of business at 700 Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Travelon is a leading provider of travel bags and backpacks.

2. Defendants Belkin International, Inc. and Belkin, Inc. (collectively, "Belkin") are corporations incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business at 12045 East Waterfront Drive, Playa Vista, California. Belkin transacts business in the State of Illinois and within this District. Belkin conducts business in Illinois and in this District including, without limitation, by marketing, offering for sale and selling a wide range of computing accessories and products to customers and stores in this District and throughout Illinois. The business activities of Belkin also include promoting, offering for sale and selling

products to consumers in Illinois and in this District through its interactive website at [www.belkin.com](http://www.belkin.com).

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. Venue lies in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b) because Belkin is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, has regularly conducted business in this District and has committed acts of infringement in this District.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘636 PATENT**

5. On June 1, 2004, U.S. Patent No. 6,742,636 (“the ‘636 patent”) entitled, “MESH EXPANSION POCKET FOR LUGGAGE” was duly and legally issued on an application filed on September 25, 2001. Travelon currently owns all right, title and interest in and to the ‘636 patent. A copy of the ‘636 patent is appended as Exhibit A.

6. Belkin has been and is infringing the ‘636 patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling and/or importing laptop backpacks incorporating the inventions patented in the ‘636 patent within the United States and within this District and by contributing to the infringement by others and/or by inducing others to infringe the ‘636 patent. Belkin’s infringing products include the laptop backpack shown in the photographs in Exhibit B hereto, which is marketed as the Essential Backpack # B2B077-C00. Representative photographs of Belkin’s infringing products are shown in Exhibit B hereto. Unless enjoined by the Court, Belkin will continue to infringe, contribute to the infringement of and/or induce the infringement of the ‘636 patent.

7. Belkin's direct infringement of the '636 patent, and/or inducement of or contribution to the infringement of others, has injured Travelon, and Travelon is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for such infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.

8. The infringement by Belkin will continue to injure Travelon unless the Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement of the '636 patent.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Travelon prays for:

1. Judgment that the '636 patent is valid, enforceable, and infringed by Belkin;
2. A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Belkin, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, and those persons acting in active concert or participation therewith, from engaging in the aforesaid unlawful acts of patent infringement;
3. An award of damages arising out of Belkin's acts of patent infringement, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
4. An award of Travelon's attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred in this action in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
5. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**JURY DEMAND**

Travelon demands trial by jury of all issues triable of right by a jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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